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(Copyright, 180 by Louis Riepsch] Washington, May & In this discourse Dr. Talmage speaks of some of the perils that threaten our American institutions, and points out | this republic is nihilism. the path of safety; text, Isalah 62:4: 'Thy land shall be married."

As the greater includes the less, so does the circle of future joy around our entire world include the epicycle of our own republic. Bold, exhibarant, unique, national capital was a pageant and all | would put to death every king and presthat grand review and bannered procession and national anthems could do, would elimb up until he could drive anticipate the time when the Prince of | take it himself, the universal butcher. Peace and the heir of universal domin- In France it is called communism; in ion shall take possession of this nation, and "thy land shall be married."

nation it makes all the difference in the term. It means complete and eternal world whether we are on the way to a smash-up. It would make the holding funeral or a wedding. The Bible leaves of property a crime, and it would drive no doubt on this subject. In pulpits a dagger through your heart and put and on platforms and in places of pub- a torch to your dwelling and turn over lie concourse I hear so many of the this whole land into the possession of muffled drums of evil prophecy sounded, as though we were on the way to national interment, and besides Thebes and Babylon and Tyre in the cemetery of dead nations our republic was to be entembed, that I wish you to understand it is not to be obsequies, but nuptials; not mausoleums, but carpeted altar; not express, but orange blossoms; not requiem, but wedding march; for "thy land shall be married."

I propose to name some of the sultors who are claiming the hand of this republic. This lard is so fair, so beauffful, so affluent that it has many suitors, and it will depend much upon your advice whether this or that shall be accepted or rejected. In the first place, I remark: There is a greedy, all-grasping monster who comes in as suitor seeking the hand of this republic, and Coats and Vests, that monster is known by the monopoly. His scepter is made out of the rail track and the wire of telegraphy. He does everything for his own advantage and for the robbery of the Things went on from bad to worse until in the three legislatures of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for a long time monopoly decided everything. If monopoly favor a law, it passes; if monopoly oppose a law, it is rejected. Monopoly stands in the railroad depot putting into his pockets reasonable charges for services. Monopoly holds in his one hand the steam one pocket and the behavior of the shills of the secure of the shills of t giving appointments to needy relathem as attorneys if they are lawyers arrying their goods 15 per cent. less if they are merchants, and if he find a case very stubborn as well as very important Yet this nihilism, with feet red of did they do? They all knelt and conputs down before him-the hard cash of slaughter, comes forth and offers its

But monopoly is not so easily caught now as when during the term of Mr. | marriage altar be, and who will be the Buchanan the legislative committee in one of our states explored and exposed the manner in which a certain railway company had obtained a donation of public land. It was found that 13 of the senators of that state received \$175,- of multitudinous victims, the garlands 900 among them, 60 members of the lower house of that state received between \$5,000 and \$10,000 each, the governor of that state received \$50,000 clerk received \$5,000, the lieutenant governor received \$10,000, all the clerks of the legislature received \$5,000 each. while \$50,000 was divided among the lobby agents. That thing on a larger | ruffians despolled the grave of A. in some of the states of the union, but erybody was shocked; but infidelity it is not so blundering as it used to be. and therefore not so easily exposed or arrested. I tell you that the overshadowing curse of the United States today is monopoly. He puts his hand stones of your Christian dead the words upon every bushel of wheat, upon every sack of salt, upon every ton of coal, and every man, woman and child in the moneyed despotism. I rejoice that in nations to virtue and happiness, and v4 states of the union already anti-monopoly leagues have been established. God speed them in the work of libera-

I have nothing to say against capitalists; a man has a right to all the money he can make honestly. I have prise would be possible, but what I do porations that are applied to the pooris wrong for me is wrong for great corproperty without any adequate compensation I am a thief, and if a rallway without making any adequate compenher best people into semistarvation, and in Ireland has driven multitudinous tion that this world has ever had has To Farm, Furnace and Factory Pub. Co. tenants almost to madness, and in the come from the Bible. It was the moth-

JOB OFFICE, FARMVILLE, fers his hand to this republic. stretches it out over the lakes and up book in his hand, stood before an infi- training."-Washington Star.

form, forbid them by great organiza-tions, forbid them by the overwhelming sentiment of an outraged nation, forbid them by the protest of the church of God, farbid them by prayer to high Heaven. That Herod shall not have this Abigail. It shall not be to all-devouring monopoly that this land is to destroy this boole. Yet infidelity, leath-some, stenchful, leprous, pestiferous, rotten mouster, stretches out its hand, ichorous with the second death, to take be married.

lieves in no God, no government, no ident on earth, and, if he had the power, the United States it is called anarchism; in Russia it is called nihilism, but that In discussing the final destiny of this | lest is the most graphic and descriptive theft and lust and rapine and murder Where does this monster live? In al

the towns and cities of this land. It of fers its hand to this fair republic. It proposes to tear to pieces the ballot box, the legislative hall, the congress sional assembly. It would take this land and divide it up, or, rather, di vide it down. It would give as much to the idler as to the worker, to the bad as to the good. Nihiiism! This pan-ther, having prowled across other lands, has set its paw on our soil, and it is only waiting for the time in which to spring upon its prey. It was nihllism that burned the railroad property at Pittsburgh during the great riots; it was nibilism that slew black people in our northern cities during the war It was nihilism that mauled to death the Chinese immigrants years ago; it is nihilliam that glares out of the windows of the drunkeries upon soher people as they go by. Ah, its power has never yet been tested. I pray God its power may never be fully tested. It would, if it had the power, leave every church, chapel, cathedral, schoolhouse and col-

lege in ashes.

Let me say it is the worst enemy of the laboring classes in any country. The honest cry for reform lifted by oppressed laboring men is drowned out by the vociferation for anarchy. The criminals and the vagabonds who range in one year \$200,000,000 in excess of all through our cities talking about their rights, when their first right is the penitentiary-if they could be hushed up. power of locomotion and in the other and the downtrodden laboring men of the electricity of swift communication. this country could be heard, there Monopoly has the republican party in | would be more bread for hungry chilone pocket and the democratic party dren. In this land riot and bloodshed men be beguiled to coming under the tives to lucrative positions, employing bloody banner of nihilism. It will make your taxes heavier, your wages smaller, your table scanfier, your chilhand for this republic. Shall the band-be proclaimed? If so, where shall the officiating priest, and what will be the music? That altar will have to be white with bleached skulls, the officiating priest must be a dripping assassin, the music must be the smothered groan must be twisted of night shade, the fruits must be the apples of Sodom, the wine must be the blood of St. Bartholomew's massacre. No! It is not to ni-hilism, the sanguinary monster, that this land is to be married.

Another suitor for the hand of this nation is infidelity. When the midnight or smaller scale is all the time going on Stewart in St. Mark's churchyard evproposes something worse than thatthe robbing of all the graves of Christendom in the hope of a resurrection. It proposes to chisel out from the tomb-"Asleep in Jesus" and substitute the "Obliteration - annihilation." Infidelity proposes to take the letter United States feels the touch of that | from the world's Father, inviting the tear it up into fragments so small that you cannot read a word of it. It proposes to take the consolation from the broken-hearted and the soothing pillow from the dying, Infidelity proposes to swear in the president of the United States, and the supreme court, and the nothing to say against corporations as such; without them no great enter- in the courtroom with their right hand on Paine's "Age of Reason," or Volsay is that the same principles are to taire's "Philosophy of History." It probe applied to capitalists and to cor- poses to take away from this country the book that makes the difference beest man and the plainest laborer. What | tween the United States and the kingdom of Dahomey, between American porations. If I take from you your civilization and Bornesian cannibalism. If infidelity could destroy the Scriptures it would in 200 years turn the nages the property of the people civilized nations back to semibarbarism, and then from semibarbarism into sation that is a gigantic theft. What | midnight savagery, until the morals of is wrong on a small scale is wrong on a menagerie of tigers, rattlesnakes and a large scale. Monopoly in England chimpanzees would be better than the has ground hundreds of thousands of morals of the shipwreeked human race. of the text. The only impulse in the right direc-

Monopoly, brazen-faced, iron-fin- -mother of English magna charta and gation ought to know about me. gered, vulture-hearted monopoly, of-fers his hand to this republic. He Benjamin Franklin, holding that holy "I have a new system of memory

the great railroads and over the tele- del club in Parls and read to them out graph poles of the continent and says: of the prophecies of Habakkuk, and the "Here are my heart and hand. Be mine infidels, not knowing what book it was, forever." Let the millions of the people | declared it was the best poetry | they north, south, east and west forbid the had ever heard. That book brought banns of that marriage, forbid them at George Washington down on his knees the ballot box, forbid them on the plat- in the snow at Valley Forge, and led

the hand of this republic. It stretches Another suitor claiming the hand of it out through seductive magazines, and through lyceum lectures, and was leaning over the fence. pel can be fully intrenched.

'aria and starvation. "No, not if we can help it. By what we and our chilland shall not be married!"

the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." It is not my figure. It is the figure of the Bible. Christ is so desirous to have this Conner; that was not his name, but it miliation of simile. He compares His | now. gathering the chickens, and in my text
He compares Himself to a sultor beging. I knew him well, and he sent me ging a hand in marriage. Does this word that he was coming my way and hold Pilate's hall and the insulting ex-pectoration on the face of Christ. Be-hold the Calvarean massacre and the We heard of him all around—men shot, awful hemorrhage of five wounds. Ja-cob served 14 years for Rachel, but the name of Jim Conner became a thing Christ, my Lord, the King, suffered in to scare children, not to speak of men. torture 33 years to win the love of this | 1 was always trying to help northern world. As often princesses at their very

for Divine marriage. Before Columbus and his 120 men embarked on the Santa Maria, the Pinta We had no means of protecting our they caught the first sight of this counties they put him on a horse and stood behad been discovered, what was the song that went up from all the three decks? "Gloria in Excelsis." After Columbus and his 120 men had stepped from the ship's deck to the solid ground, what secrated the new world to God. What did the Huguenots do after they landed in the Carolinas? What did the Holland refugees do after they landed in New York? What did the pilgrim fathers to after they landed in New England? With bended knee and uplifted face and Heaven besleging prayer, they took possession of this continent for God. How was the first American congress opened? By prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. From its birth this nation was pledged for holy marriuge with Christ.

And then see how good God has been to us! Just open the map of the contiment and see how it is shared for immeasurable prosperities. Navigable rivers, more in number and greater than any other land, rolling down on all sides into the sea, prophesying large manufactures and easy commerce. Look at the great ranges of mountains timbered with wealth on the top and sides, metaled with wealth underneath. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of coal. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of iron. The land so contoured that extreme weather hardly ever lasts more than three days-extreme heat or' extreme cold. Climate for the most part bracing and favorable for brawn and brain. All fruits, all minerals, all harvests. Scenery displaying an autumnal pa-geautry that so land on earth pretends to rival. No South American earthquakes. No Scotch mists. No London fogs. No Egyptian plagues. No Germanie divisions. The people of the United States are happier than any people on earth. It is the testimony of every man that has traveled abroad. For the poor, more sympathy; for the industries, more opportunity. Oh, how good God was to our fathers, and how good he has been to us and to our children. To Him-blessed be His mighty name-to Him of cross and triumph, to Him who still remembers the prayer of the Huguenots and Holland refugees and the pilgrim fathers-to Him shall this land be married. Oh, you Christian patriots, by your contributions and your prayers, hasten on the fulfillment

"I must send them all circulars," ex-United States proposes to take the er of Roman law and of healthful juris- claimed the man who was addressed by wealth of 60,000,000 or 70,000,000 of peo- prudence. That book has been the his acquaintances as professor. "Those ple and put it in a few silken wallets. | mother of all reforms and all charities men who have testified in the investi-



SKELETON IN A CLOSET.

'Morning, colonel." "Morning, sir," replied the man who

He owns nothing but a knife for uni- through caricatures of religion. It asks He was a short, thickset man, with a versal cutthroatery and a nitroglycerin | for all that part of the continent al- | clear and piercing eye, his face shaved bomb for universal explosion, He be- ready fully settled and the two-thirds | smooth, with not the suggestion of a not yet occupied. It says: "Give me wrinkle; yet his hair was as white as Heaven and no hell except what he can all east of the Mississippi, with the snow. He had a slight southern acmake on earth. He slew the ezar of keys of the church and with the Chris- cent, and his hearty manner of invit-Divine imagery of the text. At the close Russia, keeps many a king practically tian printing presses. Then give me ing the visitors in and his cordial hosof a week in which for four days our | imprisoned, killed Abraham Lincoln, Wyoming, give me Alaska, give me pitality were wholly southern. One of Montana, give me Colorado, give me all the visitors knew him, and had told the the states west of the Mississippi and I other that here was a man with a bona will take those places and keep them by fide skeleton in his closet and that the celebrated peace, it may not be inapt to the God of Heaven from His throne and right of possession long before the Gos skeleton had a story. It did not require any persuasion to obtain a glimpse of And this suitor presses his case ap- the skeleton. The owner presently led pallingly. Shall the banns of that marriage be proclaimed? "No!" say the home missionaries of the west, a martyr band of whom the world is not hanging to the wall by the neck. The worthy, tolling smid fatigues and ma- Missourian did not object to telling the

dren have suffered we forbid the banns with his thumb to the skeleton, "was of that marriage!" "No!" say all patri- once an acquaintance of mine, and I otic voices. "Our institutions were liked him so well"-this with a laughbought at too dear a price and were de- "that I have kept him by me ever since, fended at too great a sacrifice to be so so that I can come out and stir him up cheaply surrendered." "No!" says the whenever I feel disposed," and he gave God of Bunker Hill and Independence | the skeleton a dig in the ribs. "It was hall and Gettraburg. "I did not start this nation for such a farce." "No!" door on his acquaintance. "During the ery 10,000 voices. "To infidelity this war I lived in one of the southern states where I was about the only northern But there is another suitor that pre-sents his claim for the hand of this re-that I had, as time went on; killed my public. He is mentioned in the verse following my text where it says: "As finally announced that they were going world love Him that He stops at no hu- will do-one name is as good as another

grace to spittle on the eyes of the blind | "When the war broke out he started man. He compares Himself to a hen in as a sort of independent guerrilla, Christ, the King, deserve this land? Be- was going to burn my house and hang men, and one time had two or three birth are pledged in treaty of marriage | with me, passing them on as occasion to princes or kings of earth, so this naoffered. I had not heard from Conner | each a different one. tion at its birth was pledged to Christ or his raids for some weeks when one day he rode into the yard and swore Lawton and about a dozen troopers that he was going to burn the house. and the Nina for their wonderful voyage, what was the last thing they did?
They sat down and took the holy sacthat I tried to pick him off from the top old negro, who led Mr. Davis' horse, story; but he had picked up one of my saddled and ready for flight. rament of the Lord Jesus Christ. After friends who had been in the field, and

"But no one dared to approach the house, as I was a sure shot. I supposed that they would wait until night, and out of sight, and could not believe they would murder a man in cold blood. But hearing a shout, I glanced through a bullet hole in the shutter, and saw | leveled carbine, them driving my friend's horse up to a tree-a fine old tree that I had planted as aboy. One of the limbs crossed the drive, and to this they fastened the rope, and drove the horse away, leaving my triend dangling there, and I watching the operation, totally helpless, while



"I HAVE KEPT HIM BY ME EVER

they were looking on. Some United of the insurgents executed one they were looking on. States troops finally came along and | ments on record, has been an army offiand we joined in the chase. I hunted | he was appointed adjutant of the Twenthe gang for weeks, then gave it up, as ty-fourth Wisconsin volunteers, in 1862, it was evident that they had given us he was so small in stature and so weak the slip. After the war I moved to Cal- in voice that he excited the general ifornia and came here. I soon heard of | laughter of his regiment whenever he a curious character who lived up in one piped out a command. One night after of the canyons the life of a hermit. I dress parade he overheard his colonel never connected his name with Conner, remark: "I shall write to the governor it being more or less common; but to send me a wooden man for adjutant." when he died one day the story was Stung to the quick by the words and that he had a bad record back in Mis- the laughter that followed, he said, souri-that he had been a murderer, quietly: "I'll show them that I can etc.-and it occurred to me that it fight, anyway; then maybe they'll come might be my old enemy, the man I had | to like me better." Throughout the enbeen after for so many years.

on the lookout. The old fellow was lar army.-Philadelphia Post. alone and helpless, it seems, with no friends, and they had buried him by the later, and employed some men to aid 'example.-Chicago Dally News.

me in the investigation. Conner had n had saher wound across the face, by which no one could ever fall to recognize him, and when we opened the grave there was the man, while papers which he left showed that he was conner. I had found him too late to turn him over to the law, so I proposed to hang him where I could keep an eye on him for the rest of my life, and in my will I propose to leave instructions that he shall be left hanging, dangling in the wind, just as he hung my friend. I had his skeleton prepared, as no one claimed him, and hung him up as a warning to anyone of his seed that might follow in his footsteps."-N. Y.

HE ARRESTED JEFF DAVIS.

A Michigan Man Was the Real Captor of the Confederate President.

George Munger, once a corporal in the Fourth Michigan cavalry, enjoys the distinction of being the man who arrested Jefferson Davis when the defeated chief executive of the broken confederacy was trying to escape at the close of the war. The capture, the results of which proved to be so important, has several times been credited to Capt. William P. Steadman, but the facts are really these:

When it was definitely learned that the confederate government had finally evacuated Richmond President Lincoln offered a reward of \$100,000 for the capture of Jefferson Davis. All the available troops in the neighborhood of the fugitives' supposed route were thrown forward in pursuit. Among the most zealous and eager of these was the



Fourth Michigan cavalry, with which

Manger rode. On the morning of May 11, 1865, detachments of this troop came full upon the little camp of fugitives. It was in the pine woods about one and a haif miles from irwinville, Ga. The natives will still point out the place to you-

walked their horses to the very edge of the wood, and then dashed upon the tents. No one was in sight, except an

In an instant Mr. Davis and his wife came out of a little wall tent by the side of of the road. Davis wore a woman's wathe house, at the same time gathering | terproof cloak and a woman's shawl brush with which they said to burn the | thrown over his head. He started to run down the road. The soldiers, thinking the figure that

of an old woman, let her pass, but Corp. George Munger, was quick enough then creep up and burn me out. I kept to see that the "woman" wore heavy riding boots. He drove his spurs into his horse and galloped in pursuit. "Halt, or I'll shoot!" he cried, with

Davis obeyed and surrendered.

darkness of the tent, he had taken the waterproof in mistake for his own, and that his wife had thrown the shawl over That the actual capture was effected! by Corp. Munger there is no doubt.

This is positively stated by the com-

Later the captive said that, in the

manding officer, Gen. Wilson, in bis official report.
Not until 1868, three years later, was the reward of \$100,000 distributed and then pretty nearly everyone who had taken part in the pursuit got a share of the money. Four officers each received \$300. Then 154 men of the Fourth Michigan cavalry, 78 of the First Wisconsin cavalry, 22 of a detachment that accompanied Capt. Yeaman, and two more of unknown name, belonging to an Iowa regiment, were voted by congress the remaining \$88,000 apportioned to their rank and the pay they were receiving at the time. Munger received \$300.-Philadelphia Press.

Gen. Arthur MacArthur, who com manded a brigade at the capture of Mianila, and subsequently the division that in its swift and continuously fighting drove them off and cut the body down, | cer since his seventeenth year. When tire civil war be showed that he could "I can't say that I have a particular-ly revengeful disposition," said the in general orders, and the close of the skeleton owner, "but he had murdered my friend, and I had never given up the formed into the "boy colonel" and rehope of finding him, and was always warded with a commission in the regu-

Show That You Mean It. Don't tell a man to be good, unless side of his hut. I heard of it a few days you are willing to set him a practical